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SUBJECT: DRAFT NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION ON KOREAN
QUESTION AT NAM

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PASS TO KATZEN

1. DEPARTMENT HAS NOTED IN BOTH NORTH KOREA'S DRAFT KOREA
RESOLUTION FOR NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT AND IN ITS PROPOSED
AMENDMENT TO DRAFT NAM POLITICAL DECLARATION ON KOREA
(REF A AND B) THAT ONCE AGAIN THEY ARE CALLING FOR RE-
PLACEMENT OF KOREAN MILITARY ARMISTICE AGREEMENT WITH
A "PEACE AGREEMENT." AS IN 1975 UNGA HOSTILE RESOLUTION
AND THE ACCOMPANYING MEMORANDUM, THIS CURRENT DRAFT
LANGUAGE DOES NOT REPEAT NOT IDENTIFY WHO WOULD BE IN-
VOLVED IN NEGOTIATING SUCH A PEACE AGREEMENT. AS IS
KNOWN, HOWEVER, NORTH KOREANS IN FACT MEAN THAT SUCH A
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PEACE AGREEMENT WOULD INVOLVE ONLY NORTH KOREA AND THE

UNITED STATES, TO THE EXCLUSION OF ROKG. THIS UNDERSTANDING WAS MADE CLEAR BY THE NORTH KOREAN REPRESENTATIVE IN HIS UNGA SPEECH IN 1975 AND IN RELATED NORTH KOREAN PROPAGANDA MATERIALS AT THE TIME AND AFTERWARDS.

2. OBVIOUSLY WE WOULD ONLY BE PREPARED TO CONSIDER NEGOTIATIONS FOR MORE LASTING SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS ON THE PENINSULA WHICH INCLUDE THE ROKG. PEACE AGREEMENT AS ADVANCED BY NORTH KOREANS IS ONLY DEVICE TO ATTEMPT FORCE U.S.. OUT OF KOREA. PEACE AGREEMENT IS NOT ADEQUATE ARRANGEMENT FOR REPLACEMENT OF ARMISTICE AGREEMENT. QUESTION COULD THEREFORE BE ASKED OF NORTH KOREANS WHY THEY HAVE NOT INCLUDED ALL PARTIES CONCERNED IN PROPOSAL FOR ARRANGEMENTS TO REPLACE ARMISTICE SINCE IT OBVIOUS THAT SECURITY OF PENINSULA CAN ONLY BE ACHIEVED IN NEGOTIATIONS AND ARRANGEMENTS WHICH INCLUDE ROK.

3. IN ADDITION, PROPOSED NORTH KOREAN LANGUAGE REFERS TO JULY 4, 1972 JOINT COMMUNIQUE WHICH PROVIDED FOR BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH ON REUNIFICATION ISSUE. HOWEVER, IT OMITTS MENTION OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS AND ONLY MENTIONS THE THREE PRINCIPLES. IN THIS REGARD, IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR APPROPRIATE QUESTIONS TO BE POSED TO THE NORTH KOREANS AS TO WHY THEY HAVE BROKEN OFF SOUTH-NORTH TALKS AND HAVE NOT RESPONDED TO ROKG'S REPEATED OFFERS TO RESUME TALKS WITHOUT PRECONDITIONS.

4. WE DO NOT DESIRE TO HAVE SUCH QUESTIONS ASKED THROUGH U.S. LOBBYING AND BELIEVE MOREOVER YOU SHOULD BE CAREFUL TO AVOID TOO ACTIVE ROLE. THEREFORE SUGGEST YOU SEEK TO HAVE ROK DIPLOMATS INQUIRE WITH THEIR "NINETEEN" FRIENDS (REF C) AS TO WHETHER SUCH QUESTIONS CAN BE POSED DURING THE NON-ALIGNED MEETING PROCEEDINGS SO THAT IT WILL BE CLEAR WHAT SORT OF PROPOSITION NORTH KOREANS ARE REALLY SELLING.

5. DEPARTMENT GREATLY APPRECIATES EXCELLENT REPORTING COMING FROM YOU, HINES AND EMBASSY TEAM. AS WE APPROACH

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KEY DECISION IN NEXT MEETING OF KOREA CORE GROUP NOW SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 16 YOUR ASSESSMENT OF LIKELY KOREA OUTCOME PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT.

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